

PFOA Timeline

Late 1999:	EPA receives new data on perfluorooctyl sulfonate (PFOS), and begins an investigation of PFOS and related fluorochemicals.
May 2000:	3M Company announces phase-out of PFOS.
June 2000:	EPA meets with global fluorochemical industry to announce preliminary concerns on PFOS; also identifies possible related concerns and data gaps with respect to PFOA and telomers.
July 2000	Members of the Telomer Research Group (TRP) meet with EPA for the first time to announce their intent to create a voluntary research program on telomer products.
September 2000	Members of the Fluoropolymers Manufacturers Group (FMG) meet with EPA for the first time to announce their voluntary program to provide new and existing data on PFOA. Status update meetings with FMG occur approximately quarterly from September 2000 through March 2003, and data are supplied to EPA as studies are completed during that period.
October 2000	TRP provides its first status report and shares with EPA draft protocols for the studies it plans to conduct. Status update meetings occur two to three times a year through March 2003, and data are supplied to EPA as studies are completed during that period.
March 2002	EPA releases its first Draft Hazard Assessment on PFOA. The final report on the 2-generation reproductive study in rats exposed to PFOA is submitted to the Agency. Additional reports on human biomonitoring studies on PFOA are submitted to the Agency.
June 2002	EPA receives additional analytical work on the 2-generation rat study.
September 2002	EPA releases a draft discussion document outlining exposure data gaps on PFOA and telomers. EPA initiates a priority review on PFOA based on available data.
November 2002	EPA releases its Revised Draft Hazard Assessment on PFOA.
March 2003	3M, FMG, and TRP submit Letters of Intent to the Agency to formalize their research and product stewardship commitments.
April 2003	EPA releases Preliminary Risk Assessment on PFOA, publishes FR Notice